

**RAJYA SABHA [22 February, 2001]**

Control Order 1957. The Indian exporter, in reply to the show cause notice has stated that he has not received any complaint directly from NASCO. Tea Board has therefore requested Embassy of India, Tripoli to obtain and forward a copy of the written complaint, if any, against the exporter by NASCO.

**Basmati exports to E.U.**

**30. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Indian basmati exports to E.U. under threat" appearing in the Business Standard dated the 9th January, 2001;
- (b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems raised in the newsitem?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH):**

- (a) Yes, Sir;
- (b) and (c) Government have conveyed its strong reservations to the Rice Reform proposals of the EU, under which the Indian Basmati rice exports could get affected, through various meetings at the EU as well as to the Member countries through our Missions abroad.

**Norms for Payment of Spectrum Charges**

**31. SHRI B. J. PANDA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) has been paying spectrum charges to Government;
- (b) if so, since when;